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Letter dated 7 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you in relation to the provisions of paragraph 7 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Subsidiary organs wishing to meet during a regular session of the General Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received an additional request from the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) to hold the continuation of its session in New York during the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

Having carefully considered this request and the reasons for it, the Committee on Conferences has no objections to it, on the clear understanding that the continuation of the session will have to fit in with the available facilities and services in order not to adversely affect the activities of the General Assembly itself and that everything possible will be done to ensure the most efficient use of conference services.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to meet as requested, subject to the conditions set forth in the preceding paragraph.

(*Signed*) Diego **Simancas**
Chairman
Committee on Conferences

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